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Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 58th, 59th, 67th and 68th meetings, on 7, 8 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.58, 59, 67 and 68).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/55/849) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/874 and A/55/884).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.67

4. At the 68th meeting, on 25 May 2001, the representative of Ghana and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic" (A/C.5/55/L.67).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.67 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1159 (1998) of 27 March 1998, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the last of which was resolution 1271 (1999) of 22 October 1999,

Recalling its resolution 52/249 of 26 June 1998 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/277 of 15 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such an operation,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic as at 30 April 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 36.7 million United States dollars, representing 32 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 44 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member

[1] A/55/849.

[2] A/55/874 and A/55/884.

States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions in full;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the liquidation of the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 1,197,100 dollars gross (1,152,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions concerning the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999 for the period 1998-2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

10. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,197,100 dollars gross (1,152,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

[3] A/55/884.

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic".